

Our Lady of Victories Church

(serving Harrington Park, River Vale and the Pascack/Northern Valley)

150 Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park, New Jersey

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WELCOME

Sunday, October 12, 2025 A.D.
Jubilee Year of Hope

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OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

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SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

First Friday: 12:30-7pm Adoration, 6pm Confessions,
7pm Mass

First Saturday: 8:00am, Mass of Immaculate Heart of Mary

First Saturday: 12:00pm, Mass for Souls in Purgatory

Novenas prayed after 8:00 a.m. Mass:

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Monday

St. Anthony: Tuesday

St. Joseph: Wednesday

St. Jude: Thursday

Infant of Prague: 25th of the month

Bl. Miriam Teresa Demjanovich: Friday

St. Peregrine: First Friday of the Month

Rosary: Recited M - Sat after 8:00am & after 12:00Noon Mass



Pray the
Rosary



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

Mon.-Sat.: 7:30-7:50am. Saturday: 11:00-11:50am; 3:00-3:45pm

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism call the rectory.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Please call the rectory for an appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/LAST RITES:

Sick calls at any time in emergency.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS AND VOCATIONS:

Anyone contemplating a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life should contact the Vocations Office at 973.497.4365.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4pm & 5pm

Sunday: 7am, 8am Latin, 9:30am,
9:30am Family Mass (gym), 10:45am,
12pm, 1pm Spanish, 6pm

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Fr. Wojciech's Corner...

We thank all who participated in Our Lady of Victories festivities. We thank especially our OLV and Latin joint choirs. After October 12, Blaise (son of Lesa, our organist) will move on to his next National Tour of the Broadway Musical. Thank you, Blaise, for all of your dedication and hard work for these past months as a cantor together with your mom!

October 18 marks a very important day in a calendar – birthday of our Sr. Elizabeth. We wish a very Happy Birthday to you! Sister will turn 93.

HEADS UP: As a part of *We are His Witnesses* restructuring initiative our parish will hold two listening sessions (in the lower Church) October 20 and October 22 from 6-8pm. Choose ONE of the two sessions that is more convenient to you. These will make us familiar with the proposed plans of the Archdiocese for the future of our parish and will give us an opportunity to express ourselves. Please do not miss this important meeting.

As we continue the month of October dedicated to Blessed Virgin Mary, let us remember how present She is to us Her children and what a great holy cord we have in the Rosary - our umbilical cord with Mary. Let us take recourse in reciting it often.

He who is devout to the Blessed Mother will certainly never be lost.
St. Ignatius of Antioch

Holy Name Society - Sunday, October 12

Men of all ages are invited: 9:30am Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet and refreshments/discussion in the lower church. Our reflection topic will be "Carlo Acutis, nicknamed 'God's influencer,' becomes first 'millennial' saint."

St. Vincent de Paul / Social Concerns Meeting

Tuesday, October 14 at 7PM - Lower Church

New members are welcome!

OLV Rosary Society Mass

Thursday, October 16 - 12Noon Mass & Meeting/Social

New members are welcome!



Reflection

From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us opportunities to grow in relationship with Him. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we might be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope.

Christ's promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering, but rather that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is the beginning of eternal life with Christ. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ, our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.

Acts of Reparation *Choose one Friday this month to fast and pray for a greater respect for human life. *Pray a decade of the Rosary for this month's intention. *Offer some other sacrifice, prayer, or act of penance that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

The Mysteries of the Rosary

Have you ever wanted to explore the life of Jesus and Mary in a deeper way? Each decade highlights a sacred episode:

Joyful Mysteries: Through the Annunciation (1) and Visitation (2), we get a glimpse at Mary's joyful yes to God. She gives birth to Jesus in the Nativity (3). Mary and Joseph present their son at the temple (4) and bring Him there again when He is a teenager (5).



Luminous Mysteries: Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River (1) before Mary gives Him a nudge to His first miracle at Cana (2). Jesus proclaims the Gospel (3), is transfigured on Mount Tabor (4), and institutes the Eucharist (5). The light is shining!

Sorrowful Mysteries: Jesus prays in agony in Gethsemane (1), knowing His hour of suffering has come. After His betrayal and arrest, Jesus is scourged (2) and crowned with thorns (3). He carries His cross (4), and Mary stands at the foot of the cross as He is crucified (5).

Glorious Mysteries: Christ is risen in glory (1)! After appearing to those He loves, He ascends into heaven (2). Jesus' followers receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (3). Mary, unaffected by original sin, is assumed body and soul into heaven (4), where she is crowned queen, humble mother of Christ the King (5).

Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times. In the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary.

Over the centuries, the formula of the devotion eventually took the shape of 50 Hail Marys divided into five "decades," with each decade focused on a different mystery. The Church has defined the Joyful Mysteries (to be recited on Saturdays and Mondays), the Glorious Mysteries (Sundays and Wednesdays), the Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays), and most recently the Luminous Mysteries (to be recited on Thursdays).

In the words of St. Leo XIII, "there is no more excellent way of praying."
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*Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things pass away;
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
He who has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.*

- St. Teresa of Avila (Memorial October 15)

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What if you are CALLED! ???

Call the Vocations office 973-497-4365 and ask for Fr. Gino, Director, who is always ready to listen - or call Fr. Wojciech at our parish 201-768-1706, x11.

Pray for Those in the Military

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Sergeant First Class Charles Greene
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Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger
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US Air Force

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Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Pray for Our Sick Please *Pray* in the name of *JESUS*, the Healer, that the *sick of the Parish* may be restored to health and all those who *assist and care* for the sick will be given the *strength* to continue *God's Will*: infants Jack Merritt, Abigail Jude, Aidan, Olive, Adeline Quarello, Jonathan & Joseph; children Gabriel Aungst, Antonio and Shane, Cordelia and Eileen, Remy and Silvie; Cheryl Alonso, Annie Baklycki, Kevin Douglas Barry, Michael Baruch, Julie Berbert, Paul Brennan, James Buckley, Joe Cafaro, Anna Carfagno, Bill Clark, Kevin Columbo, Thomas Connolly, Eddie Cooper, Paula Criqui, Michael Curran, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Noelle DeJoseph, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Guy DeSantis, Siobhan Donaghi, Whitney Dugan, Carl Falasca, Michael Fallon, Dan Filippone, Jeremy Fillis, Peter Fimbel, Walter Flaherty, Mary Foley, Phil Gangusa & Vicky Ferrara, Robin Fletcher, Leo Gendron, Ken Grier, Glenn Hall, Pat Halligan, Cara Hansen, Amy Hartwell, Richard Hogan, Kristine Leigh Hook, Rolando Joaquim, Austin Kellar, Pat Kissane, Christina Kenny, Tim Keohane, Joseph Koch, Chester Kovaleski, Artie Latz, Kenneth Luther, Peter Mahler, Robert Mayer, James McGarry, Matt McGowan, Michael McMahon, Adolfo Mendoza, David Mercur, Alice Miller, Len Moriarity, Gianna Moscatello, Kevin Mullane, Rose Marie Myers, Natalie Niebergall, Michael Oates, John Pal, Mary Parker, Tom Paskewich, Ronald Peterson, Louis Peduto, Bob Phillips, Canice Prince, Christina Pulver, William Ragu, Dan & Phyllis Ragusa, Robert Rasmussen, Patrick Ricci, Herman Rodriguez, Veronica Romanchuk, Wendy Ruggiero, Beth Sacco, Blase K Sacus, Samantha Sconzo, Patricia Ann Shalhoub, Peggy and Chris Shedden, Roseanne Stella, Brian Sumereau, Michael Suresh, Maria Tamayo, Ollie Tettlow, Angeline Thomas, Felicia Veneruso, Jim Vlantes, Dennis Ubriaco, Carl Walker, Megan Weingarten, Hope White, Maria Williams, Daniel Wu, Mary Young, Brian, Carla, Christina, Donna M., Edward, Elba, Jack, Jennifer, Joann, John, Karen, Kathleen V., Kaitlin V. Lauren, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Mary, Margaret, Melinda, Michelle, Patrick, Peter, Robert, Samantha, Sarah, Scott, Sean, Sharon, Steven, Tom.

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- 1. Saints.
- 2. The Pope.
- 3. Bl. Bartolo Longo.
- 4. Venezuela.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 12 - St. Carlo Acutis

7:00 Harry Barrett R/b John and Marion Barrett
8:00 Eileen and Martin Kelly R/b Patricia Meehan
9:30 Jacki DeCoster R/b Karen Accavallo

No Mass in Gym today

10:45 Mary Muggeo R/b Bob and Sue Muggeo
12:00 People of the Parish
1:00 Hugo Orlando Gatti R/b the Giron Family
6:00 John L. Falcone R/b the Donnelly Family

Monday, October 13 - St. Gerald of Aurillac, France-

8:00 Jeffrey James R/b Mark and Carol Kiernan
12:00 Mary Thomsen R/b the Barrett Family

Tuesday, October 14 - St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

8:00 William A. Duby Sr. R/b the Duby Family
12:00 Intentions of Joan Ann Ender R/b Joan Crowley

Wednesday, October 15 - St. Teresa of Avila, Spain - Nun

8:00 Richard Ziemkiewicz R/b Barbara Sita
12:00 Charles Touw R/b Bob and Dolores Cavagnet

Thursday, October 16 - St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:00 Marie D'Alessandro R/b Monika Senicar
12:00 Anna D'Ambroso R/b the Kristofich Family

Friday, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Syria-bishop

8:00 Aileen Vassar R/b Suzanne Kasabian
12:00 Charles Touw R/b Nick and Marie D'Amico

Saturday, October 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist

8:00 Intentions of Sr. Elizabeth
12:00 Intentions of Mary Boyle R/b Joan Crowley
4:00 Charles DaSaro R/b Marie DaSaro
5:00 Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Living and Deceased

Sunday, October 19 - St. John de Brebeuf, St. Isaac Jogues- Priests,

and companions - martyrs

7:00 Jacquelyn Fuschino R/b Joe Tobia
8:00 Intentions of Mary Rose Walsh R/b the Kelly Family
9:30 Andrew Oakes R/b Virginia McHale
9:30 (Gym) Joseph Derrico R/b the Evanelia Family
10:45 Kathleen Ragusa R/b John and Robin Finn
12:00 Richard DeCroce R/b Norma DeCroce
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Madeline Agin R/b Greg Nemecek

Sanctuary Memorials (this week)

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the intentions of Sr. Elizabeth.

The Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn in loving memory of

Lisa Woods, r/b Charlie Woods.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp will burn for the souls in Purgatory.

Flower & Sanctuary Offerings Flowers, Bread and Wine, the Bl.

Virgin Mary and St. Joseph Votive Lamps and Sanctuary Lamp in the Church can be dedicated on a weekly basis. Contact the rectory for more information

My Parish-My Responsibility Thank you to those who so generously continue to support our parish by mailing in your donations. At the same time, we understand that some are unable to continue their donations at this time. *Donations may be mailed to OLV, 81 Lynn St., Harrington Park, NJ 07640. New to the area?* Register to become a member of the OLV Family. Visit OLV's website olvhp.org and click on "Parish Registration". **New address or phone number?** Please inform the rectory.

Sundays are dedicated to the Holy Trinity

Ten Things to Do Before Mass

- Say hello to the ushers who greet you when you enter Church.
- Make the Sign of the Cross with holy water.
- Genuflect to Jesus in the Tabernacle before entering the pew.
- Kneel with your eyes closed and say hello to Jesus.
- Take a deep breath and relax from outside stuff.
- Sit down, open the missal, and find today's Mass.
- Read today's readings, then pick out the main idea.
- Think what the priest might focus on in his homily.
- Pray the special prayers elsewhere in the missal.
- Get ready to sing the opening hymn.

Ten Reasons to Stay Until the End of the Mass

(Which is after the final note is sung if there is music)

- Give God time to give you some good ideas.
- Don't waste your special time with Jesus.
- Talk to Jesus now that you have received Him.
- Pray by name for the people you love.
- Make a good moment last.
- Give your worries and cares to the Lord.
- Practice being more calm and less stressed.
- It is not polite to eat and run.
- Your priest and neighbors want to say hello.
- We have to give one another good example.

ARRAY OF HOPE GALA: Wed., Oct 29, 6PM, at Valley Regency in Clifton. Honoring Thomas Stephen Monaghan, founder of Dominoes Pizza and owner of the Detroit Tigers of Major League Baseball from 1983 to 1992. Visit arrayofhope.org for info and tickets.

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall 2026! The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Program for Catholic High Schools will be given on Friday, November 7, 2025.

Registration information for the HSPT exam is online at www.njcoopexam.org. For information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, visit www.catholicschoolsnj.org/hs-admissions.

Help THE SOULS in PURGATORY?? It is very possible that some of our own nearest and dearest ones are still suffering the excruciating pains of Purgatory and are calling to us for help and relief. There is no hunger, no thirst, no poverty, no need, no pain, no suffering to compare with what the souls in Purgatory endure. How YOU can help these souls: 1. Have Masses offered for them. 2. Make the Stations of the Cross. 3. Recite the Rosary. 4. Offer up all your pain and sufferings for the relief of Souls.

ALL SOULS INTENTIONS: Please return your ALL SOULS INTENTION ENVELOPES as soon as possible in order that we may place the intentions and names on the altar on ALL SOULS DAY. November 2, and for the following nine days for the ALL SOULS NOVENA.

Are you an ADULT without Confirmation, Communion or Baptism?

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation* or Holy Communion should contact the rectory for preparation class/information.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Godparent/Sponsor must be at least 16 years old * **Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church.** Must be a practicing Catholic (*Attend Sunday Mass weekly*). * Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. If married, must be married in the Catholic Church. * If single, not living with significant other, nor married civilly only. * **Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the candidate's parent.** Each child only requires one Godparent. If you wish to have two Godparents, there must be one female and one male. (CanonLaw872874)

Sacred Matrimony on Sacred ground

"ceremony" at the venue is not a valid Sacrament

For the Catholic Church the Sacrament of Matrimony is such a sacred matter that the Church requires for two Catholics to be married Sacramentally in the Catholic Church, not elsewhere. All the Sacraments except Confession are always celebrated in Church. Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and the Sacred Orders (Priesthood is even celebrated at the Cathedral of a given Diocese). A Catholic priest can only officiate Sacrament of Matrimony of two Catholics on sacred grounds (Church). This wedding at the same time is a civil wedding. For more info contact Fr. Wojciech.

Respect Life Any woman who is pregnant and in need of assistance should **never** feel that abortion is her only option. For confidential assistance call: Archdiocese Respect Life Office 973-497-4350*Gateway Pregnancy Ctr. 908-353-0604*Catholic Community Svcs. 201-246-7379 *Lifecall 800-662-2678*Birthright: 201-845-4646*NewHope 201-722-4705.

OLV Needlers If you'd like to learn to knit or crochet, join us in the lower church Wednesdays at 6PM and/or Thursdays after 12Noon Mass. Yarn, crochet hooks and knitting needles supplied.

OLV Knights of Columbus All men over 18 are invited to join the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. As Catholic men we are called to lead, serve, protect and defend our Faith, families, and our parish. The Knights of Columbus will help you grow as a husband, father and Catholic. Join us!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas For info' call Marie 201-741-0499.

Don Bosco Prep Events: Attention 8th graders! Experience Ironman for a Day - walk our halls, meet our students and teachers - see what makes Don Bosco Prep truly exceptional. 6th, 7th, 8th graders & families are invited to our Open House on Sunday, October 19th 1-3PM. Sign up at donboscoprep.org & create your Admissions Portal & register for your visit.

Immaculate Heart Academy Open Houses: Sunday, October 19, 11AM-2PM and Thursday, October 23, 6:30-8:30PM. Tour the building and campus with knowledgeable and friendly student Eagle Ambassadors. Meet teachers, administrators, students, and coaches. Learn about the admissions process, curriculum, financial aid and more! If you are a young woman searching for a school known for its academic excellence, athletic competition, and creative expression grounded in traditional Catholic values, IHA is for you! Register online at ihanj.com; walk-ins welcome.

Bergen Catholic Open House: Wednesday, November 5, 6:30-8:30PM. Discover the Bergen Catholic Experience! See firsthand how Bergen Catholic inspires young men to excel in the classroom and beyond. Learn about our world-class student experience and how we prepare students for success in high school and life. We look forward to welcoming you and your son.

Question??

Question: What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer: The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot. It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization." Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor. ©LPi

What actually happens at a canonization?

Canonization is the Church's formal declaration that someone is in heaven and worthy of veneration by Catholics everywhere. The day begins with a solemn Mass in St. Peter's Square, usually attended by thousands of pilgrims. After hymns and prayers, the Litany of Saints is sung, invoking the names of holy men and women throughout history. Then comes the central moment. The Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints petitions the Holy Father three times to declare the candidates saints. The Pope then proclaims: "We declare and define Blessed [Name] to be a saint..." With those words, the person is officially recognized as a saint of the universal Church. Relics of the newly canonized are then honored and presented for veneration, a powerful reminder of their nearness to us in heaven. Although this process is ancient, it is always relevant. -Catholiccompany.com

A little "back to school" humor ...

1. What do librarians take with them when they go fishing? *A bookworm.*
2. What is the smartest bug? *A spelling bee.*
3. Why does a math book always look sad? *It's full of problems.*

Kidz Korner

1. Seven "Blesseds" will be canonized as ??? on October 19th.
2. Who has the authority to add someone to the official list of saints?
3. What Blessed was the founder of the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii?
4. What country will have their first saints canonized on October 19?

Answers on page 3

Seven new to be canonized Saints

Pope Leo XIV will canonize seven blesseds on October 19, including two Venezuelans: José Gregorio Hernández Cisneros, considered the "doctor of the poor," and María del Carmen Rendiles Martínez, a nun and founder of the Sister Slaves of Jesus.

The canonizations were confirmed by the Holy See Press Office on June 13 following the decision by the pope during the first consistory of his pontificate.

In addition to Hernández and Rendiles, who are highly venerated in Latin America, the blesseds who will be proclaimed saints in October are: Ignazio Choukrallah Malo-yan, an Armenian bishop and martyr killed in 1915 during the Ottoman genocide; Peter To Rot, a lay catechist from Papua New Guinea, martyred during the Japanese occupation in World War II; Vincenza Maria Poloni, founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy of Verona; Maria Troncatti, an Italian Salesian missionary known for her work among the Shuar Indigenous people of Ecuador; and Bartolo Longo, an Italian lawyer, former Satanic priest converted to Catholicism, promoter of the recitation of the rosary, and founder of the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii.



María del Carmen Rendiles Martínez & José Gregorio Hernández Cisneros

In Venezuela, the Church has launched the national campaign "Santos para todos" (Saints for All) to celebrate Hernández and Rendiles, Venezuela's first saints: Dr. José Gregorio Hernández and Sister María del Carmen Rendiles. José Gregorio Hernández, known across Latin America as "the doctor of the poor," was a physician and devout Catholic who served Venezuela's sick with profound humility. His beatification came in 2021, following the miraculous recovery of Yaxury Solórzano Ortega, a young girl who survived a gunshot to the head after her mother prayed for Hernández's intercession. Sister María del Carmen Rendiles, founder of the Servants of Jesus, was born in Caracas in 1903. Her miracle involved the sudden healing of a Venezuelan doctor in 2003, acknowledged by the Church as medically inexplicable. She was beatified in 2018. The October canonization ceremony at the Vatican will also recognize six others. While both Hernández and Rendiles lived in different times and served in different ways, their paths to sainthood affirm a truth that transcends borders: holiness begins in daily acts of service, compassion, and faith. Their stories now join the Church's universal memory — not as distant icons, but as familiar companions from Venezuela's own soil. -catholicnewsagency.com

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